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| Confirmation No.: | 1386 |) |
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| For: | PLANAR LIGHTWAVE CIRCUIT TYPE |) |
| | VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR |) |
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| Examiner: | Brian Healy |) |

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Examiner:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2007.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.